

# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MARYLAND PROVINCE PROPERTY







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- •Total 4,473.84 acres located in Cecil, Charles and St Mary's Counties
- •This transaction offers us a unique opportunity to...

preserve diverse natural habitats,

safeguard wildlife habitats,

protect the water quality of Chesapeake Bay,

conserve sustainable forest lands and

provide extraordinary opportunities for environmental interpretation and recreational access via **20 miles of shoreline**– including historical education opportunities through the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

•The majority of these properties have been in continuous ownership since 1638; these lands have direct importance to the earliest colonial settlement of the State of Maryland.





# St. MARY'S COUNTY St. Inigoes

- 985+/- acres of woodlands, wetlands, and agricultural land between the St. Mary's River and Smith Creek
- Broad peninsula extending into the Potomac River containing 8.4 miles of shoreline
- Conservation will protect water quality, enhance recreational water-access and historical education opportunities as an integral part of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail
- Originally acquired as part of a larger 4,000 acre tract in 1634 as a grant from King Charles I of England
- Future State Forest

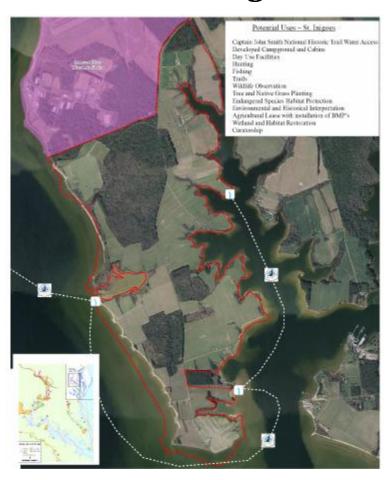
Captain John Smith described "fish lying so thick with their heads above the water as for want of nets we attempted to catch them with a frying pan"







# St. MARY'S COUNTY St. Inigoes



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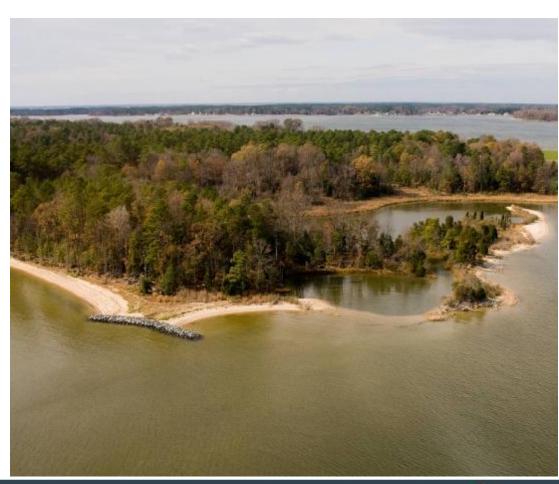




#### ST. MARY'S COUNTY New Towne Neck

- 776 +/- acre peninsula surrounded by Breton Bay, St. Clements Bay, and the Potomac River
- 7 miles of ecologically & recreationally important waterfront
- In exchange for 40,000 pounds of tobacco, the Society of Jesus acquired the New Towne Neck tract from William Bretton in 1668
- Future State Park parcel

Designated as the first historic district in St. Mary's County and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.







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#### CHARLES COUNTY Cedar Point

- 1,737 acres including
   4.2 miles of waterfront on Port Tobacco & Nanjemoy Creeks
- Located within Nanjemoy/Potomac
   Focus Area & Targeted
   Ecological Area
- The original lands, 4,000 acres lying on both sides of the Port Tobacco Creek, were granted to the Society of Jesus by Lord Baltimore in 1649
- Future Wildlife
   Management Area

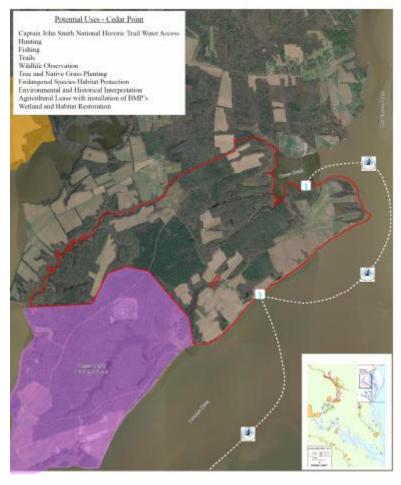
Captain John Smith's establishment of friendly relations with the Potopaco Indians here resulted in future exploration of the Potomac.







## **CHARLES COUNTY Cedar Point**



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## **CECIL COUNTY Old Bohemia**

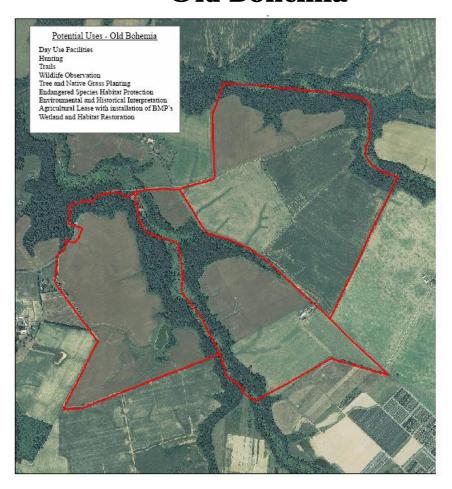
- 975+/- acres including
   1.5 square miles of excellent upland and wetland habitats
- The Old Bohemia property was part of the first Catholic establishment on the Eastern Shore
- Future Wildlife Management Area







## **CECIL COUNTY Old Bohemia**













### **Maryland Province Scorecard**

- 61 % in Targeted Ecological Area
- 39 % in Annual Focus Area
- Under the new Program Open Space Targeting System, we have established a threshold of 80 and above as being an excellent ecological project; this project has received a high Ecological Ranking Score of 92.

